



# DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

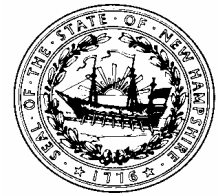
## WETLANDS BUREAU

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# Notification of Forest Management or Timber Harvest Activities Having Minimum Wetlands Impact

Please circle YES or NO to respond to each question. **Bold-faced terms** are defined on the attached page.

<p>1. Will the proposed forest management activity be in or adjacent to a municipally <b>designated prime wetland</b>, or cross any <b>wetland</b> or <b>surface water</b>? If NO, then you do not need to file this form or any other wetlands application. If YES, continue.</p>	<p>Yes      No</p>
<p>2. Will the construction of all crossings follow the <b>Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Erosion Control on Timber Harvesting Operations in New Hampshire</b>? Please note, for DES purposes BMPs are mandatory [Rules Wt 304.05(b),(c)].</p>	<p>Yes      No</p>
<p>3. Is land being cleared in preparation for subdivision, development, or conversion to non-forestry use?</p>	<p>Yes      No</p>
<p>4. Is the proposed activity in <b>bogs, marshes</b>, sand dunes, tidal wetlands, undisturbed tidal buffer zones, a wetland identified by the <b>Natural Heritage Inventory</b>, or in or adjacent to <b>designated prime wetlands</b>?</p>	<p>Yes      No</p>
<p>5. Does any crossing exceed any of the following criteria?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ For installation of a permanent culvert and associated fill, rock ford, or temporary crossing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Is the width of the roadway travel surface at the crossing more than 20 feet (from edge of road to edge of road)?</li> <li>b) Is the fill width more than 50 feet from <b>toe of slope</b> to toe of slope?</li> <li>c) Is the length of any <b>forested wetland</b> or <b>wet meadow</b> crossing (measured along the proposed access way) more than 50 feet?</li> <li>d) Is the length of any <b>surface water</b> crossing (measured from base of bank to base of bank) more than 10 feet?</li> <li>e) Do the <b>wetlands</b> that are being crossed have <b>standing water</b> for more than two months of the year?</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ For installation of a bridge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Is any work proposed in the water?</li> <li>b) Does the fill for the abutment(s) exceed 3,000 square feet in the banks of the stream?</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ For installation of a temporary road through forested wetlands during frozen conditions, constructed of snow or inverted stumps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Is the road travel surface more than 15 ft. wide or 200 feet long?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Yes      No Yes      No Yes      No Yes      No Yes      No Yes      No Yes      No Yes      No</p>

If you answered **YES** to any of the questions numbered 3, 4, or 5, you must file a different **wetlands application** (see Definitions of Terms - **wetlands applications** - for more information) and no work in wetlands or surface waters may be done until you receive a permit from the DES Wetlands Bureau. If you answered **NO** to all questions numbered 3, 4, or 5, complete the remaining sections of the application (on the reverse side).

6. Location of Timber Harvest or Forest Management Activity (should agree with *Notice of Intent to Cut*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Town or City Tax Map # Lot #

7. Property owner's name, mailing address, telephone number, and zip code. (Failure to provide this information may cause this notification to be considered incomplete.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner's Name ( ) Telephone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address (Street or PO Box), Town, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address (For DES to send the **Confirmation of Complete Notification** if different from the property owner's address above.) ( ) Telephone #

8. Forester's or logger's name, address and telephone number (should agree with *Notice of Intent to Cut*).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Street Address, Town, State, Zip Code ( ) Telephone #

9. Attach a copy of the **USGS topographic map** or a **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service soils map** with the *type and location* of all temporary and permanent structures for crossing wetlands or surface waters clearly indicated. If the USGS map does not provide enough space to clearly indicate the type and location of crossings, you may submit *IN ADDITION TO THE USGS MAP*, a hand-drawn map, tax map, or cutting plan, showing the layout of property lines, skid roads and the approximate location(s) and type(s) of crossings.

10. Attach a sketch of the type of proposed crossing(s) of wetlands or surface waters. Copies of sketches from the ***Best Management Practices for Erosion Control on Timber Harvesting Operations in New Hampshire*** may be used if they accurately depict the proposed structure(s).

11. Attach a check for \$25.00 payable to the NH DES Wetlands Bureau.

12. Property owner's signature certifies that: a) Items 1 through 10 are correctly answered or represented; and b) all logging contractors have been directed to conform to the ***Best Management Practices for Erosion Control on Timber Harvesting Operations in New Hampshire***, and have been instructed to install crossings only as indicated on the attached map and sketches; c) property owner is in compliance with **RSA 79:10**.

**Property Owner's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form, with attached map(s), sketches, and check, to:

NH DES Wetlands Bureau, PO Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095

If answers to and information for any of Items 1-12 are not provided, this notification will be considered **INCOMPLETE** and all work in wetlands or surface waters **SHOULD NOT PROCEED**. Work conducted without filing a complete notification may be cause for DES enforcement action. Work may proceed upon proper filing of a **COMPLETE** notification. DES will issue a ***Confirmation of Complete Forestry Notification*** if the Notification that you submitted is complete. The ***Confirmation*** **SHOULD BE POSTED AT THE LANDING**. Copies of the notification are sent to the district forest rangers and conservation commissions.

**FOR DES OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Fee Received \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Check # Amount Init. Dated File # Dist Forest Ranger #  
Check Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

## Definitions of Terms - Notification of Forest Management and Timber Harvest Activities Having Minimum Wetlands Impact

**Best Management Practices for Erosion Control on Timber Harvesting Operations in New Hampshire (February 2000)** - The manual developed by the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) which addresses the best management practices for reducing soil erosion and controlling sedimentation from timber harvesting activities. Copies are available at no charge from DRED, 172 Pembroke Road, Concord, NH 03301, phone: (603) 271-2214, [www.nhdfi.com/publications/div\\_publications.htm](http://www.nhdfi.com/publications/div_publications.htm); or UNH Cooperative Extension, Durham, NH 03824, phone: (603) 862-1028, or from the DES Wetlands Bureau (see Wetlands Applications below)

**Bog** - A wetland distinguished by stunted evergreen trees and shrubs, peat deposits, and acidic soil and water conditions. Bogs generally have no inlet or outlet. Sphagnum moss may be abundant. *The Notification form may not be used for any crossings or activities in bogs.*

**Designated Prime Wetland** - A wetland designated by a municipality as requiring special protection in accordance with Wt 700. Projects in or adjacent to prime wetlands are classified as major projects. *The Notification form may not be used for any crossings or activities in or adjacent to prime wetlands. If you are not sure whether or not the project is adjacent to a designated prime wetland, please call the DES Wetlands Bureau, 603-271-2147.* Check with the town office or DES for the locations of these wetlands. As of April 2002, municipalities with designated prime wetlands are: Andover, Barrington, Bow, Brookline, Derry, Enfield, Exeter, Gilford, Holderness, Hooksett, Meredith, Nashua, New London, Pelham, Salem, Sanbornton, Sandwich, Tamworth, Weare, and Wolfeboro.

**Forested wetland** - A wetland where trees 20 feet and taller are the dominant plants. Typical trees are red maple, green ash, black willow, American elm, balsam fir, black spruce, tamarack and sometimes hemlock and white pine. May also be called a swamp.

**Marsh** - A wetland distinguished by the: 1) absence of trees and shrubs; 2) dominance of soft-stemmed herbaceous plants such as cattails, grasses, reeds, and sedges; may have lily pads or pickerel weed, and 3) a water table at or above the surface which may fluctuate seasonally. *The Notification form may not be used for any crossings or activities in marshes.*

**Natural Heritage Inventory** - Information about rare, threatened, and endangered species and exemplary natural communities in New Hampshire, which is maintained by the Department of Resources and Economic Development. Call (603) 271-3623 or contact [www.dred.state.nh.us/forlands/formgt/nhiweb/](http://www.dred.state.nh.us/forlands/formgt/nhiweb/) for information.

**Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), formerly Soil Conservation Service (SCS), soils map** - A map developed as part of a soil survey, which provides information about characteristics of the soils and the suitability, limitations, and management of soils for specified uses. Contact the state NRCS headquarters (603) 868-7581 or visit your county office.

**RSA 79:10** - The statute that requires notification to assessing officials, NH Department of Revenue, and NH Department of Resources and Economic Development (Forest and Lands Division) of intent to harvest timber.

**Surface water** - Those waters of the state, as defined by RSA 482-A:4, which have standing or flowing water at or on the surface of the ground during part or all of the year. This includes, but is not limited to, rivers, streams (perennial and seasonal), lakes, ponds and tidal waters, and marshes.

**Swamp** - A wetland dominated by trees or shrubs. Typical trees are red maple, green ash, black willow, American elm, balsam fir, black spruce, tamarack and sometimes hemlock and white pine.

**Toe of Slope** - The bottom edge (base) of the road fill where it meets the flatter grade of the ground surface.

**USGS (United States Geological Survey) topographic map** - A map that uses contour lines to represent the three-dimensional features of a landscape on a two-dimensional surface. These maps use a line and symbol representation of natural and artificially created features in an area. **Map scale – 1:24,000** Maps are available at most outdoors and sporting goods stores as well as bookstores.

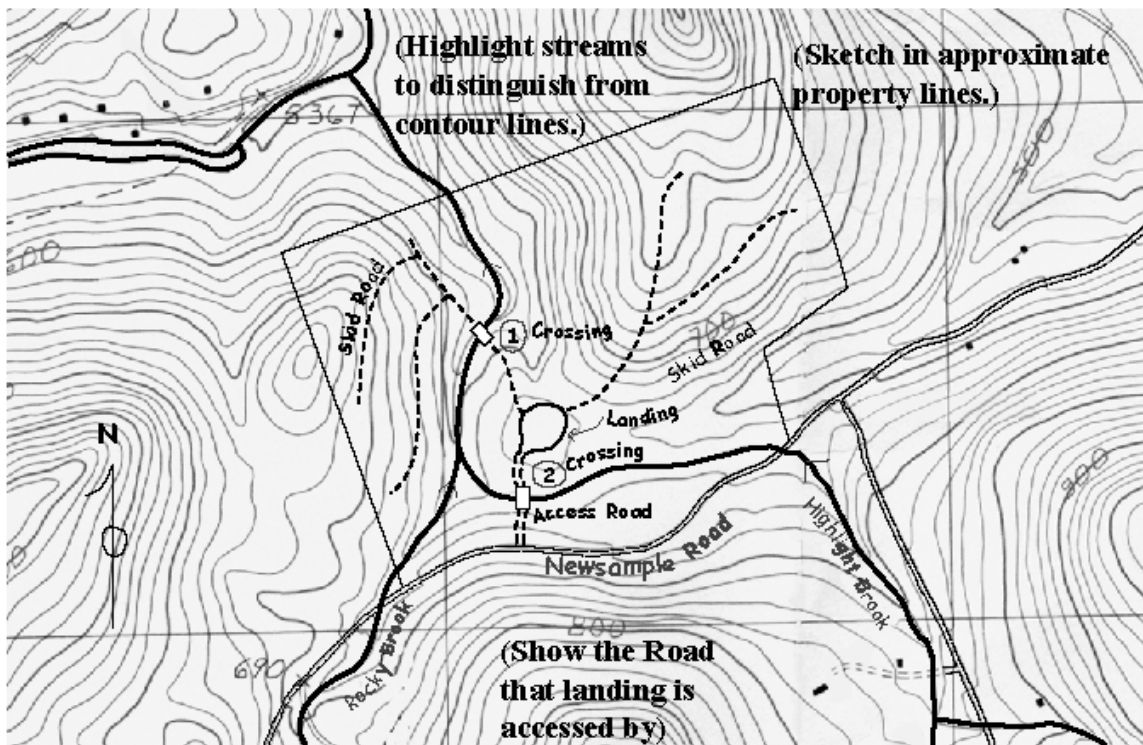
**Wetland** - An area that is inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal conditions does support, a prevalence of vegetation (more than 50%) typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions (hydric soils). Wetlands include, but are not limited to swamps, bogs, marshes and similar areas.

**Wetlands Applications** - Other forms (*Standard Dredge and Fill* or *Minimum Impact Expedited*) are used to apply for permits to work in wetlands or surface waters if the answer to question 3, 4, or 5 is "Yes." These forms can be obtained from town clerks, by calling the DES Wetlands Bureau at (603) 271-2147, or from the DES web site on the Internet at: [www.des.state.nh.us/wetlands](http://www.des.state.nh.us/wetlands) or by mail from: NHDES PO Box 95, Concord, NH 03302. For projects that do not qualify for the Notification of Forest Management (if there were any "Yes" answers on questions 3-5), no work in wetland or surface water may begin without obtaining and posting a DES wetlands permit.

**Wet Meadow** - An area dominated by sedges, grasses, and non-woody vegetation less than 3 feet in height, which is saturated for long periods during the growing season and may be seasonally flooded.

# Sample Sketch of Supplemental Site Map Showing Type and Location of all Wetland and Surface Water Crossings

*A sketch such as this can be submitted in addition to, not in place of, the USGS map.*



## Proposed Crossings

- ① Skidder Bridge
- ② Culvert

## Key

- Access Road
- Proposed Skid Road
- Log Landing
- Property Line (approximate)